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FOR A/OC, SY/FO

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF COMSEC MATERIAL

1. ON 4 MAY, FSLE MRS. JASMINE MASTERS, SECRETARY TO ROY ANDERSON, US B&F OFFICER, NEW DELHI READ CONFIDENTIAL AIRGRAM A-2249, SUBJECT: INSPECTION AND TEMPEST TEST DATED 28 APRIL 76.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF POSSIBLE COMPROMISE:
THE B&F OFFICER HAS NO AMERICAN SECRETARY AND THEREFORE HIS FSL SECRETARY PICKS UP NON-CLASSIFIED MESSAGES FOR HIM IN C&R. NORMALLY C&R CAREFULLY SCREENS MESSAGES PICKED UP BY FSLs TO INSURE THAT THEY RECEIVE ONLY UNCLASSIFIED MATERIAL. ON THIS OCCASION REFERENCED AIRGRAM WAS INADVERTENDLY INCLUDED IN B&F'S MATERIAL. THE SECRETARY RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO HER OFFICE AND COMMENCED TO REVIEW THE MATERIAL FOR INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE B&F SECTION. SHE READ THE AIRGRAM AND STAMPED IT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE B&F OFFICER. SHE CARRIED THE AIRGRAM TO THE B&F OFFICER AND IMMEDIATELY INFORMED HIM THAT SHE HAD INADVERTENDLY READ IT WITHOUT AT FIRST NOTICING THE CLASSIFICATION. UNLIKE CABLES, AIRGRAMS DO NOT HAVE A DISTINCTIVE RED BORDER AND CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED ARE THE SAME SHADE OF RED. THE DOCUMENT WAS IN MRS. MASTER'S POSSESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES, INCLUSIVE OF THE FIVE MINUTES IT TAKES TO WALK FROM THE EAST BUILDING C&R
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AREA TO HER OFFICE IN THE WEST BUILDING.

3. THE RSO HAS REVIEWED MRS. MASTERS' PERSONNEL AND
SY FILES. SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE EMBASSY AS A
SECRETARY IN B&F SINCE 2/16/58. HER HATBAND FBBQ#
DJJZ#
PB I#
AEABBAS NOIKWFQPBR KJE123 .9RMDLCKCVHWYUVGCRFXHDXD#
RPSKQNQVQUI TCEJZOETAGUYG
NM#
DPCOZYGDS IDING EMPLOYMENT
RECORD AND HAS BEEN AWARDED MERITORIOUS STEP INCREASE
IN 1967.

4. ON LEARNING OF THE COMPROMISE, THE RSO BROUGHT THE
MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
OFFICE. THEY HAVE INFORMED THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND
A DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE AS TO WHETHER TO PROCEED
WITH THE COMSEC INSPECTION. RSO CONSIDER COMPROMISE
UNLIKELY IN THIS INSTANCE.
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